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VD RATE INCREASES;
THERMOMETERS NOW DOMESTICALLY MADE

SYPHILIS INCREASES -- Lidova Demokracie, No 88, 14 Apr 49

The importance of the campaign against venereal disease cannot be overestimated. In 1948 in the Czech Provinces 32,500 men and 17,000 women had gonorrhea, while 38,500 men and 38,300 women contracted syphilis. The frequency of gonorrhea in men has declined since 1921, but the incidence of syphilis has increased in men by 13 percent and in women by 140 percent in that period.

A large quantity of penicillin will be imported into Czechoslovakia from abroad for this campaign. It should be remembered that medication is free.

EXPERIENCED PERSONNEL DEVELOPED -- Price, No 86. 12 Apr 49

Before the war thermometers were imported into Czechoslovakia. Later, small firms began to manufacture them and developed today's experienced personnel. Considerable attention is being paid to the development of mass production of medical thermometers. The Kavalier Glassworks has taken over the task and is devoting its full energies to training new workers. By concentrating all the small thermometer manufacturers into one production area, it is expected that production will be increased markedly.

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